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Tongues of fire

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Explosion, fire destroys Hospitality Road home

by Matthew Sittler

Tongues of fire, 30 feet high, leapt from doors and windows to greet a Minden Hills resident upon his return home last Tuesday.

Tom Cordona 49, had left to go to his brother's home around 4:30 p.m. January 9 - when he returned some 15 minutes later, his mobile home was engulfed in shooting flames. The stunned husband was met by fire personnel and onlookers who told him that his wife, Mary Jane Cordona 62, was safely recovering from shock inside a nearby

neighbor's home.

Mrs. Cordona told *The Times* that she was sitting on the sofa in her living room when there was a terrible explosion. "Everything caught fire," she recalled just moments after the Minden Fire Department arrived to douse the flames.

Mr. Cordona confirmed their home was oil heated, but could offer no explanation for the tragedy. Minden Hills Fire Captain Doug Schell said the cause of the fire that destroyed the Hospitality Road home, near South Lake, has yet to be determined.

Nursing service withdrawn

The Victoria Order of Nurses has announced it is withdrawing home nursing services in Haliburton and Victoria Counties. The cancellation of the service takes effect April 8.

The announcement was made Tuesday in a press release. "It is with regret and sadness that the Victorian Order of Nurses Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton Branch (VON PVH) announces that effective April 8, the Branch will no longer be able to provide nursing services in Victoria and Haliburton counties," the press release stated. "VON has been providing high quality nursing care to the people in Victoria And Haliburton Counties

since 1974. In 1999 VON entered into a contractual agreement with the community Care Access Centre (CCAC) for the delivery of nursing services in Victoria and Haliburton Counties. Since that time, VON has confronted several significant external changes including the nation-wide nursing shortage and a disparity of wages between community and hospital nurses making the recruitment and retention of nurses in the community extremely difficult."

CCAC spokesman John Hassen said that it is not only the disparity in pay between hospital and community nurses which is causing the problem,

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Dysart seeks funding for Eco Waste system

by Matthew Sittler

Funding to pay for the purchase and installation of an Eco-Waste Garbage Oxidizer in Dysart Township has been applied for by council.

Reeve Murray Fearrey confirmed Monday January 8, that the council was indeed talking trash in a 'special' meeting which was held on October 2, and that he expected the application to be finalized soon. "The original intent to apply was made in October," admitted Fearrey. "Jim West did the application, it's going to be filed this week."

This latest waste-management development came as quite a surprise to members of the County Advisory Committee for the Environment (CACE). "I've since figured-out there was a deadline to indicate a notice (letter) of intent to apply for the funds by Oc-

tober 6," said CACE Representative Carolyn Coburn who added she was surprised to hear of council's latest move. CACE had previously voiced its concern about an Eco Waste Oxidizing system during the summer and has recommended to council, further recycling and composting efforts as a healthier alternative for the environment.

The Eco Waste Oxidizing system uses extremely high heat to burn waste. Its use has been touted as one way to reduce the amount of waste being buried in Dysart landfill sites.

Fearrey said council's application for the funding of Eco Waste includes an and/or scenario. "We have made an application for Eco Waste or the equivalent composting equipment," he clarified, stressing that Dysart Council wants to look at other systems. "We're trying to open the door to get funding for

eventually, some sort of control over our waste-management system." Fearrey added that there was no maximum in SuperBuild funding under its first allocation as far as he was aware. "Each project stands on its own merit," he said. "We don't know for sure exactly what we are doing, but we know we have to do something."

Meanwhile, Coburn says she is frustrated at the level of assessment the subject of waste management has received. "CACE is a committee of the community," she asserted. "But the way it's set up, the municipalities and the county have no obligation other than courtesy, to enter into a dialogue." Coburn said she would rather see the municipality of Dysart wait and follow what the County's Official Plan (OP) is recommending - a county-wide waste management

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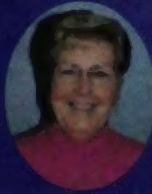
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VON withdraws home service

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he pointed out the province is experiencing a shortage of nurses making it even more difficult to recruit staff. Some nurses prefer home nursing, despite the difference in pay since it generally does not involve as much shift work.

A second company, Para-Med also provides some in-home nursing services in the area.

The agencies bid to provide the services to area residents. The CCAC's co-ordinate the bidding process.

VON has requested, but not received any money from the government for assistance with the recruitment and retention of nurses. As well, the level of funding received from the Haliburton, Northumberland, Victoria CCAC has not been substantial enough for VON to recover its costs. "We have been incurring a loss in excess of \$20,000 per month (\$240,000 per year). Our clients have always been our top priority and rather than discontinue our services when these losses began, VON continued providing service with the expectation of additional community health care funding. It is now clear that this funding is not forthcoming. VON cannot continue to sustain this level of loss. VON PVH has been working in partnership with the Haliburton, Northumberland, Victoria CCAC on

strategies aimed at minimizing the effects of these challenges," a VON spokesman stated.

"However, without adequate funding and government support, these challenges cannot be met. We have invited the CCAC and the government to conduct an operational review of the local VON service to fully verify that we are fiscally responsible and that the current level of funding is not adequate to cover our costs."

"It is the sincere desire of VON PVH to continue to deliver the high quality of nursing services in Victoria and Haliburton Counties that our community has come to expect and deserve. However, without a change in the funding level we are unable to recover our costs and continue to provide services."

The spokesman noted that the VON continues to receive donations from the public. This money will be used to support the organization's charitable programs that will continue to be offered in Victoria and Haliburton Counties. These include Foot Care, Adult Day Care, Acquired Brain Injury and Alzheimer's Programs.

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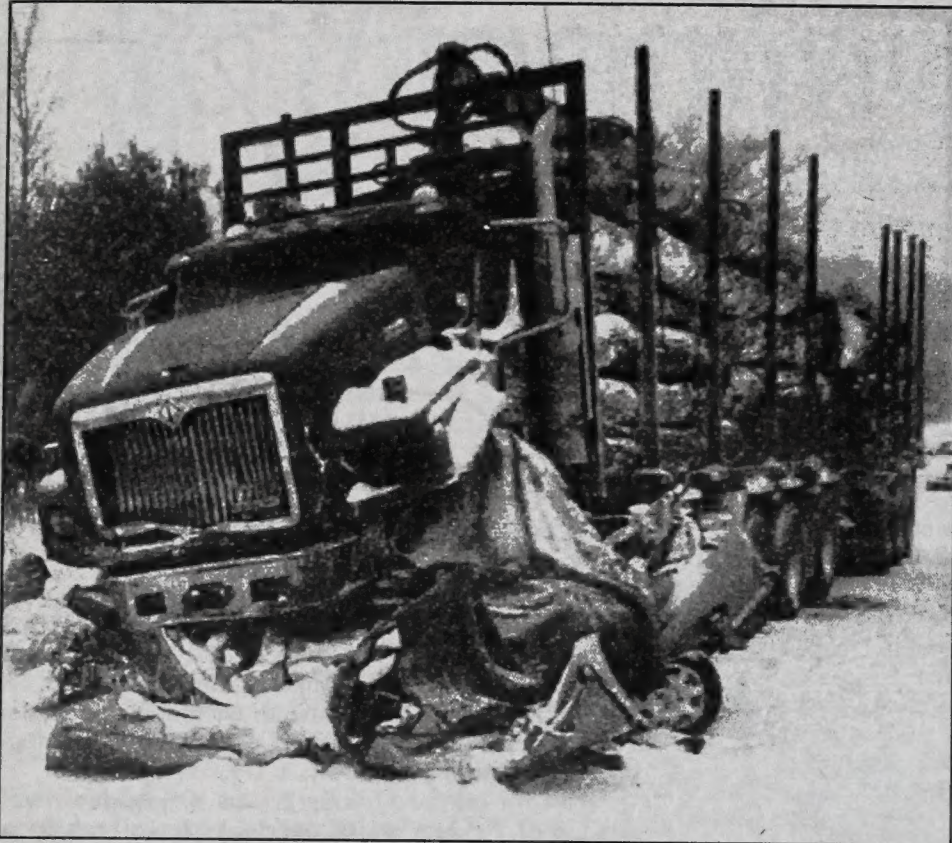
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Two die in collision with loaded log truck

by Matthew Sittler

Blowing snow and snowy road conditions are believed to have contributed to the tragic deaths of two Barrie men Tuesday afternoon.

Brothers David (29), and Kenneth (26) Bach were pronounced dead at the scene after a 2001 International logging truck struck their late model Nissan automobile broadside on County Road 45, formerly Highway 503, west of Norland. The brothers were travelling eastbound, when, for unknown reasons, their vehicle crossed into the westbound lane colliding with the truck. The cab of the fully loaded

Tragedy on Highway 503

The crumpled remains of a late model Nissan lies underneath a logging truck 8 km west of Norland. Barrie Brothers David and Kenneth Bach were killed instantly after they crossed into the westbound lane. No charges have been laid.

log truck rolled over the small foreign vehicle coming to rest on top of the mangled car.

The accident occurred at 3:15 p.m. just eight kilometres west of Norland January 9. Emergency personnel were on the scene by 3:30 p.m. There was little that could be done for the occupants of the car who were killed on impact.

A post mortem was conducted at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay the following day where it was determined the two young men died as a result of multiple injuries. The investigation is now complete and no charges will be laid.

Haliburton County could face health threat

Health Unit Sewage Program Coordinator notifies Ministry of Health regarding septic/holding tank situation

by Matthew Sittler

If something is not done immediately, Haliburton County could face a serious public health crisis.

In an interview with *The Times*, Tom Reddering, the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit's Sewage Program Coordinator, confirmed there will be a serious threat to public health in the county if sewage is not removed from area septic and holding tanks and disposed of properly.

Since the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) confirmation December 15 that the use of unlined lagoons will no longer be permitted to store sewage and sludge, the resulting difficulties facing haulers of septic and holding-tank waste throughout the county has resulted in growing health concerns. "If holding and septic tanks are not being pumped out this winter, there is going to be a public health threat - That's why the Health Unit will be getting involved," he confirmed.

"The second thing is, if there is hauling done for these tanks, then where is it going?" Reddering said the situation must be clarified and rem-

edied quickly, listing the critical reasons.

"Sewage is obviously a public health issue if its not disposed of properly," he explained. "Its a major cause for disease in humans. The worst diseases for humans come from humans, and whenever you have sewage exposed to people, its dangerous."

The current situation could develop into serious health concerns in a number of ways. "Either somebody doesn't empty their holding tank and the sewage pours over the top then its exposed to them and the immediate environment," he pointed out. "Insects and vermin - mice, chipmunks and mosquitoes landing on sewage and then landing on people and biting - there's all kinds of diseases you can get." E Coli, cholera and typhoid are just some diseases listed by Reddering by way of example.

The Sewage Program Coordinator added there was also concern about the crossing of county lines with sewage by haulers. In the early 1970s, the Health Unit had been involved with the approvals and inspections of sewage sites. "We used to do both parts - the

sites and the haulers," he clarified. This included sewage lagoons and spreading sites during the summer.

"Then a few years ago, site and hauler inspections were taken over by the MOE," he continued. "The Health Unit continues to do the approvals for septic and holding tanks. We have contracts with the municipalities to do that."

Reddering said that in light of the recent situation, the Health Unit is going to hold discussions with the MOE

to get a plan in place in place so that there will be locations to take the sewage that is currently piling up.

"We just started getting complaints late last week," he confirmed Wednesday. "I placed a call to the Ministry of Health for an opinion and have not heard back since." Reddering said that he indicated in his call to the Ministry, the complaints the Health Unit has received about the lack of places to dump sewage from haulers and a few members of the public.

"After a preliminary investigation by myself, based on the Health Unit's point-of-view, it would appear there are no places to take sewage in Haliburton County except for a little bit at the Haliburton Sewage Treatment Plant located in Dysart."

"A couple of years ago the MOE gave notice to site owners and haulers that they would require some sort of hydrogeological study to make sure their lagoons are not being overused or overworked so that they are not polluting anybody downstream," said Reddering. "To date, none of them have done any of this hydrogeological work."

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Into the white continent

Minden high school students Ryan Sisson and Adam Bathe have just returned from an exploration of Antarctica. During the trip the students were encouraged to record their impressions in a journal which was posted on a web site. Last week we presented comments from the two students during the first eight days of the expedition. This week we complete those reports and have included some photos taken from the website (Anyone connected to the web can view the reports from the entire expedition and see the other photographs by following this link: www.studentsonice.sympatico.ca)

Ryan Sisson:

Day 7: Wednesday, January 3, cont'd

I am finding it harder and harder to write journals. There are so many things to talk about, but there is no time to talk about them. Usually, we write our journals during the morning. However, we've recently been having difficulty sending information to you.

The weather was beautiful. We held our outdoor barbecue as planned.



Gentoo Penguin.
photo by Adam Bathe

was the Lemaire Channel.

If I had to choose my clearest memory of the trip so far, I think it would be our voyage through the Lemaire Channel. It is an incredibly narrow passage, whose widest point is half a mile.

There is no better place to view this crossing than at the bow of the ship. I'm not talking about by the bridge either. I sat at the very front of the ship (as close as you can be to the water without falling in). From my viewpoint, I could see all the icebergs that were scattered in our path.

Wayne and Fritz soon joined the rest of us at the bow. They gave me another mini-lesson on glaciers and wildlife identification.

The view from my "front-row seat" was of the whales that are commonly seen here. The first animals we were able to spot were the curious penguins, which were playing across from our ship. We spotted Weddell seals. I caught several glimpses of Humpback and Minke whales as well.

My favourite part of this experience was seeing the penguins manoeuvre underwater. It seems the penguins are free when they're swimming. When you see them on land, it's a big shock since you don't expect them to be so graceful.

Back to the Zodiacs...We landed at Port Lockroy, home to the first British station established in 1943. It was also a whaling station.

Everything seems so surreal now. To think, I sat on the deck in a light layer of clothes with giant, snow-capped peaks on either side of me. My friends in Minden will be happy to know I wasn't the slightest bit cold. A common misconception is that I'm currently freezing my butt off.

After our delectable lunch, we gathered for our official "Students on Ice" picture. We couldn't have asked for a nicer backdrop, which

The remains of giant whalebones and water boatmen or aquatic bugs now rest on the guano-covered ground. Gentoo penguins nest very close to the buildings surrounding the base.

Bransfield House, which we visited, is now a historic site. Two British citizens on a summer contract maintain the site. They usually make presentations on ships that come into the area. These men are also in charge of monitoring the Gentoo. They also act as gift shop operators and postmen.

Bransfield House was one of the first stations to send mail. I was able to send several postcards from here. However, I am not sure when they will get home. I have heard rumours that it could take a week to several weeks. Regardless, I sent myself a postcard so that, if I receive it in two months, I can easily be reminded of all the memories I have of this continent.

Our evening ended with a great ghost story by Fritz. He swears it's true and that it took place in Deception Bay.

Another great day in Antarctica has ended before it really began. It's a shame that we only have one more day.

Ryan Sisson:

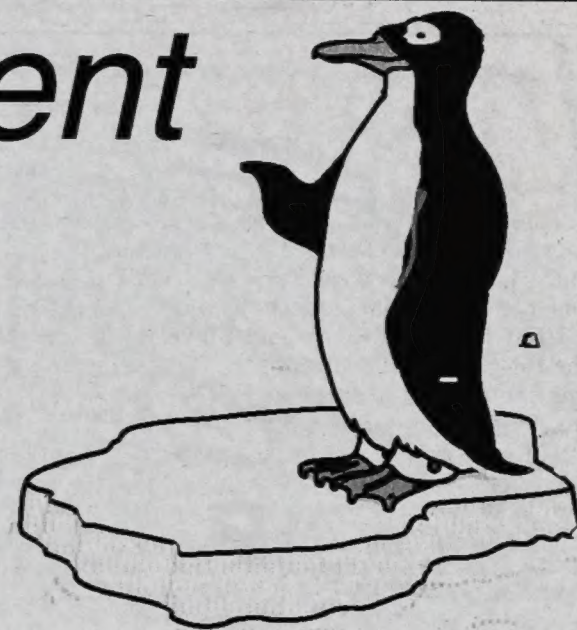
Day 9: Thursday, January 4

Our last day in Antarctica is a testament to the power of this continent. Yes, I slept through breakfast again. It seems like part of my schedule now.

We arrived at Deception Island in the South Shetland Islands around 9:00 o'clock. The island is a collapsed volcano, which has erupted several times. The most recent activity occurred as recently as 1991-92.

We were informed that it would be a very wet ride to our first stop on the island, Baily Head. Baily Head is a very large Chinstrap penguin rookery. There are around 500,000 penguins nesting here.

The ocean was a little rough as we made our first



Zodiac landing of the day. Although the beach of Baily Head consists of very fine, smooth stone, a lot of groups don't land here because of the surf.

We had to stay very close to each other on this site because of the large number of penguins. We wanted to do as little harm as possible.

We split into two hiking groups. One group went to the top of a ridge, which overlooks large rock formations called "The Sewing Machine Heads." Fred Roots led the other group I was in, to hike near several nesting sites and up and down hillsides. The weather conditions worsened and it began to snow.

The final part of our hike was a steep climb up to an area, which offered a magnificent view of the ocean on both sides of us. There were many birds at the top. The force of the wind facilitated them in hovering above the nesting Chinstraps. The birds waited for the right moment to swoop down and grab a baby chick.

Just before leaving Baily Head, I took a final look at the scenery. It is very moving to see so many penguins in one place. It's hard to think that a place so foreign and inhospitable could be the home for so much life.

We definitely got a taste of Antarctica on the way back to the ship. Just as we were leaving the beach, a giant wave splashed onto the boat.

Our next landing after lunch was at Whalers Bay. It is inside the volcano. In order to get to our landing site, our ship had to pass through the entrance point of Neptune's Bellows. The passage to the harbour area is only 230 metres from shore to shore.

It was very hard to see the whaling station. There was a screen of snow, which only allowed us to see the eerie structures on the shore. There were several whaling stations as well. They eventually closed due to the floating factories. These factories were able to process whales offshore, which made it much easier for them to take larger numbers of whales.

While walking around this place, I had mixed feelings. Some people feel that the dilapidated structures should be torn down. Others, however, feel the building should stay up as a reminder of the slaughter, which once took place here.

I was surprised by the amount of graffiti on the huge tanks and buildings. This place was a very popular tour spot in the 70's and 80's when certain aspects of the Antarctic Treaty were in place. To me, this place is just another haunting reminder of how man has polluted and plundered the environment.

I am now an official member of the Antarctica Swim Team! I was on the other end of the beach when I heard yelling and screaming coming from the direction of the Zodiacs. I knew that our official practice had commenced.

The process of stripping down all my winter layers of clothing to my bathing suit took several seconds since it was extremely cold. Keep in mind that the snow and wind were really bad today. I didn't really get emotionally prepared for the swim. It was just something I did. I mean, how often do you get a chance to swim in Antarctica?

Deception Island is the best place to join the swim team because there is still geothermal activity on the ground. On the surface alone, it was around 56 C. The Zodiac drivers dug a big hole on the shore, which we used as a natural hot tub. What an experience! The hardest part was putting my winter clothes back on over my bathing suit.

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With snow pelting down, the students enjoy their Antarctic (thermal heated) swimming pool.

Into the white continent

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Tonight, (January 5, Day 9), we had our first gathering on the youth charter. It was a brainstorming session. The meeting went very well until there were some concerns about students having "a voice."

I felt slightly discouraged. Since it was the first time for many in the group to work out something in a big group, a lot of them spoke adamantly about the same thing. The whole experience quickly became very trite. I don't know why people can't work together and compromise on simple ideas. I now understand how hard it can be when people just don't listen but ultimately want to work together.

Not everyone has the same intentions as others but, in general, I think everyone wants this to succeed. My reflection from this meeting is that everyone should work together to develop a charter. This charter should speak for the students on general aspects of our trip here. I don't think that it is necessary at this time to jump into specific topics. When we do, we start losing our focus and goals.

Ryan Sisson:
Day 10: Friday,
January 5, 2001



Ryan examines specimens in the laboratory.

Today we were on the ship. Today's activities were focused around lectures by the education staff. It was very nice of Geoff to let us sleep in until 8:30 a.m., but I slept through breakfast again. I really needed to catch up some sleep.

At 11:30 a.m. I went to the lecture hall to hear Fred Roots talk about the world politics of Antarctica. Whenever I get the chance to talk to Fred I feel very privileged. Fred has seen the creation of the Antarctic Treaty System, followed its progress and works strongly in developing the Treaty since its creation.

Other than several lectures, the rest of the day was very low key. Everyone was adapting to the rough waters of the Drake Passage.

After lunch, our second meeting of the group lecture was postponed. Instead, we talked about the impact that tourism has on Antarctica and whether or not it is bad. Geoff filled us in on who was the first to bring tourists to Antarctica, and what types of Antarctic tourism there are.

Antarctica is really shared by everyone. Many people come just to stare, but a growing number come to do adventure sports like skiing, sea kayaking, climbing, parachuting, water skiing, surfing, etc.

I had to leave partway through the chat because I had scheduled a tour of the engine room. In the reception room I met with the chief engineer, he is like the captain of the lower level.

The first place on our tour was the control room, there was a large control console which looked very similar to the one on the bridge. We were shown on camera screens the main engines. They each have eight valves, and if one doesn't work the ship can still operate with it and the ship's course will not be altered because of it.

I don't know how anyone can operate in such confined quarters. We were given ear protection, and the tour continued. I saw the two engines. They were massive and took up two levels of the ship. The engineer pointed out different things like the central air unit, four power generators (two of which are on standby) and the fresh water generator.

After the tour, I went upstairs and joined one of the groups formed to discuss different topics (example tourism). I went to the group on the impact of scientific research in Antarctica.

I can't stress how much I have learned working with professionals. There were several questions brought up. The first question was about waste disposal from scientific bases, and I was told that there

was protocol already in place, but it wasn't really enforced.

Another scientific related question I brought up was that Canada should fix up the problems in its backyard before it plunders elsewhere. There are several opposing views on this, because some scientists feel like they are being penalized for past mistakes. Another argument is that if we don't work to keep Antarctica pristine now, then it may be heavily degraded by the time Canada's environmental problems are fixed.

Afterwards we gathered for another Youth Charter meeting. Geoff clarified some things, he explained that the Charter (now affectionately referred to as statement) is just supposed to be like a wrap-up or conclusion of things that we've learned here.

I am slightly discouraged to think we can't write a major earth-changing statement, however I realize that you have to start out small if you want to attain something big. I firmly believe that by starting in the grassroots you can make major progress.

We split up into four groups to discuss the youth statement, our education team compiled all of our main points into five main questions which we then answered.

I am very excited about what is in store for tomorrow. We hope to land at Diego Ramirez Island. Our lectures should be very interesting and I have a good feeling about our Students on Ice youth statement.

Ryan Sisson:
Day 11: Saturday, January 6

Today was a very inspiring day for all of us. This morning we were able to land at Diego Ramirez. This is a very rare opportunity, because usually the Drake isn't calm. Today however, the skies were clear and the Drake was relatively smooth.

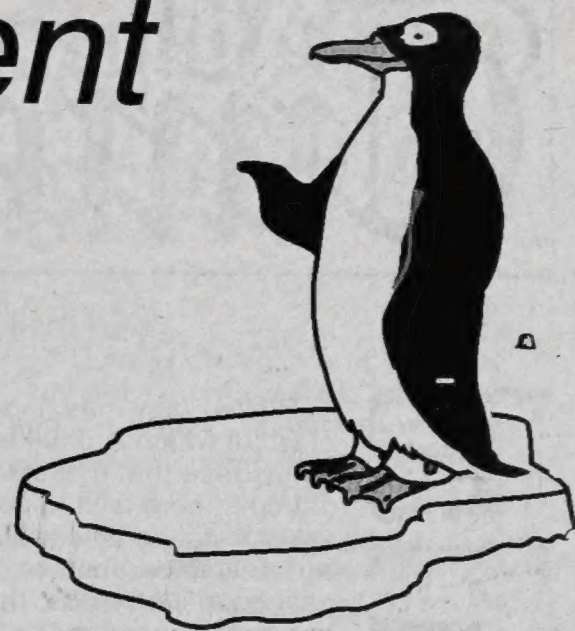
We made a landing at the Chilean Research Base. The base is positioned high up in the hills, almost completely unseen because of the huge grass covered cliffs. Geoff says this is like the Galapagos of the South. There are so many forms of life here. Everywhere you turn there is something new. Our Zodiacs had to cruise through large kelp blooms, and some people spotted jellyfish through the glass-like water.

We were greeted on the island by several skittish Magellan penguins. There is a very long boardwalk that leads visitors up the cliff side, but it's definitely worth the walk. There were hundred of Grey-headed Albatrosses nesting in the grass. You had to be very careful of where you stepped particularly on grass tufts, because there were baby birds inside holes.

I walked over to the other side of the cliff, where I could see two types of penguins (Rock hopper and Macaroni). This was a special moment for all of us because if we hadn't stopped here we would not have seen them on our trip.

Our Zodiac cruise of the island was equally impressive. We were able to see hundreds of Macaroni's on the cliff side. We didn't get a chance to see any penguin entries into the water. I heard they just clump together until eventually the penguins are forced into the water.

When we got back we had the chance to attend a lecture by Jonathon Shackleton. He is a cousin to the late Sir Ernest Shackleton who made several attempts to reach the South Pole but failed. Jonathon's lecture was very informative because it began with his family's past and then followed his expeditions. It must have been incredibly disappointing for Shackleton not to achieve his goals. It is really amazing though, to think that anyone could navigate a vessel to Antarctic waters without today's modern amenities.



We had some downtime again and our lunch was a fancy name for macaroni and cheese. After lunch we were presented with our draft copy for the youth charter. We split into our four groups again to review what had been written. The draft is coming along well at this point. Our group noted several things that we would like to see added. The first is the creation of a youth body, which would be formed to observe different aspects of the Polar Regions. This body of students would also select members to sit on other committee related to polar activities.

The other major problem our group would like to see resolved is the issue of a Canadian research base in Antarctica. I think the only reason Canadians would want a base is so that Canadians will have full status and voting rights with the Antarctic Treaty System. I believe that Canada should be leaders with this situation by suggesting that you don't need a base in Antarctica to be represented. The current treaty system blocks out involvement by countries which don't have the money to establish bases in the Polar Regions. I think it is very disappointing how much money and power alters the decision that may be best for the environment.

I was selected to represent our group. When we gathered not all of the groups agreed on certain topics. However, I think that I managed to show them that there are more important things on this planet than money and power. It is really a shame that there is such a strong blanket over people's eyes blinding the truth. While typing this journal, I was reminded by Geoff that supper was being served.

Tonight was a very special night because the Captain was present. I had just poured myself a bowl of soup when Geoff asked me I'd like to join the Captain's table. I tell ya' this journey has been full of experiences. The Captain, Chief Engineer, and Head passenger services were all present. The Captain told us a bit about his past naval history. The Russian crew we have had has been very friendly and helpful. The open bridge policy is great, I love being able to go up there at any time of the day and look at the map, the radar or just stare into the ocean. After supper we had another quick meeting to revise the statement. Everyone seems to be happy with what we produced, and I hope the public will find it both interesting and informative. To end the night we had a wrap-up session, there were many thank-yous.

Geoff and Angela were presented with realistic action figure dolls of themselves, drawn by Brandon (our resident artist). Finally we presented the Youth Statement, and everyone was pleased. It was nice to see everything evolve and come together. It is 1:30 at night, and I am just finishing up the last details of my journal now. I just did a voice-over for the documentary, which will hopefully be used.

I am very excited about coming home, but not about leaving Antarctica. Over the last week or so, I have really had the chance to compare things in Antarctica to that at home. I can't wait to complete the final part of this journey, which is educating people about this continent, so it may be left pristine for centuries to come.

NEXT WEEK: Times student reporter Jennifer Minto talks with Adam and Ryan about their adventures in Antarctica.

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The colour of winter

Editorial Letters

While many may find the thick quilt of white which is blanketing the ground a nuisance that makes our lives more difficult, there is little doubt that the vast stretches of white outside is seen by many to be another colour. Over the past couple of years, the community has experienced mild winters. The lack of a consistent snow covering played havoc with snowmobile clubs, cross-country skiers and those who simply enjoy a traditional Canadian winter. Even if a sponsor could have been found for last year, the weather conspired against any possibility that the sled dog derby would have taken place on the scheduled dates.

This year is a different story. More than a few people have observed that

we have more than enough snow now to host the derby and ensure a great trail for both races. The blank in the calendar notwithstanding, the Highlands is alive this year with winter activities. The cross-country skiers are gliding through the forests, snowmobiles have returned in swooping flocks, the alpine hills are filled with skiers and snowboarders while huts pepper the local lakes as anglers are searching for the big one....winter is back in all its Canadian glory. It looks, as well, like the county-wide WinterFest will have all the raw material it needs as will the Minden SnowFest.

This is all good news for our communities and the local economy.

Winter, once the weakest season for tourism, has grown to become a strong second, next to summer. As we have noted above, the Haliburton Highlands has a lot to offer those who enjoy winter activities. When people visit the area they help boost the local economy, employing residents and strengthening community businesses. So, while individually we may have been spoiled by a string of "soft" winters, and we may struggle through the drifts and snowy roads leaving a steamy cloud of epithets in our wake, remember that, to the community as a whole, while the colour of blanket of snow appears to be white, it really is gold. Enjoy.

jb

Good Samaritan

Editor:

At about 9 a.m., on the morning of Saturday, January 6, my wife, Liv and I were on the way to my brother's wedding in St. Thomas. Our car hit a patch of "black ice" on County Road 121 near Jay Lake Tent and Trailer Park and spun into a deep, snow-filled ditch.

Thankfully, we were not injured. Within minutes, a "Good Samaritan" by the name of Mark Coles (from Ogopogo Lodge) came to our rescue. He helped us to climb out of the ditch and allowed us to stay warm in his truck while we called and waited for a towtruck to arrive. He then drove my wife to our home in Ingoldsby to get our other car.

Mark, a total stranger until this time, spent two hours of his time to help us. It is great to know that there are such wonderful people as Mark around us in this lovely community. We want to thank him and let others know what a great guy he is. We will forever feel indebted to him and count him as a friend.

Ralph Mintz
Ingoldsby

Editor:

Thank you for the article about the wild turkey release. Is anyone sure that these birds are native to this area? As I understand it, they die in winters of heavy snow. Just why are they being released here now, with snow to the depth of 19.2 inches on December 31?

Where are the beech and maple forests to provide their staple food? I know there are odd trees; how many of the beech nuts produced have meat in them? I've only had one in my whole life. Granted, the squirrels probably got them before we, as children, did.

We, most unwillingly, feed hundreds of those flying pigs a.k.a. Canada geese every fall, so a turkey or

two is of no account, I suppose. If MNR introduces them into what is at best marginal habitat, maybe they should feed them, or at least advise the public of their plans.

As for shifting the birds in winter to avoid stress (or is it MNR employees' stress) being forced into a strange place where risks are unknown and natural food is well hidden would be stressful, since being hungry is most uncomfortable. They probably will not survive without human help. I do trust that this is a very limited experiment.

Marion Sedgwick,
Minden

Thanks for the coverage

Editor:

On January 5, 2001, The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario issued a licence for The Wine Store.

I would like to thank you and reporter Matthew Sitler for the in-depth and balanced coverage of the situation. I think that perhaps the most important issue is that our governments are secretly (?), or should I say, quietly changing so many laws and regulations tearing apart our rights

and freedoms. It is essential that we all voice our opinions and fight back against unreasonable regulatory actions.

Pat Lowery is one such person who refused to accept the situation, gave me tremendous support and rallied the support of our patrons. I shall be eternally grateful to all who refused to accept the situation and showed that voicing their opinion counts!

Blake O'Byrne
The Wine Store, Minden

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Province not dealing with nursing shortage: says ONA

The following is a press release issued by the Ontario Nurses Association.

Ontario nurses say that until the provincial government deals with the severe nursing shortage, emergency departments in this province will continue to be in crisis.

"Our members say they have seen no substantial improvement in the emergency crisis and are bracing for the worst as we enter peak flu season," said Barb Wahl, RN, president of the 45,000-member Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA). "We're on the brink of yet another emergency crisis in Ontario for the fourth consecutive year."

ONA continues to monitor emergency services through feedback from front-line nursing staff. Emergency nurses are telling ONA:

- there is chronic understaffing in emergency departments.
- a shortage of nurses in all other sectors of the health care system, including the community, home care,

nursing homes and in other hospital units, are creating further pressures on emergency departments as patients try to get the care they need.

Access to nursing care will be further reduced as the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) ceases to provide in-home nursing services in Victoria and Haliburton counties because of the nursing shortage. The VON had previously stopped providing in-home nursing care in other Ontario counties.

Because of understaffing and workload, working conditions remain extremely difficult for ER nurses. They believe inadequately staffed ERs, in the face of growing workloads, puts staff and patients at risk. Nurses say they haven't got time to do full assessments, monitor patients and perform timely treatments.

"ER nurses fear they are at risk professionally because they are finding it extremely difficult to maintain minimum standards of practice as set out by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO)," said ONA's President

Barb Wahl.

"There is clearly a need for more beds and experienced triage staff to monitor acute cases and to do safe and complete assessments of patients," added Lesley Bell, ONA's Chief Executive Officer. "The provincial government must take appropriate action now."

Ontario nurses believe the way to resolve the emergency crisis is to improve staffing levels, increase promotion and prevention programs and improve Ontario's primary health care system by ensuring access to care at non-profit clinics 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Ontario government must also take immediate and appropriate action to resolve the province's chronic nursing shortage, including: improve working conditions, create full time nursing jobs, provide free tuition, ensure job security, and pay community and long-term care facility nurses at the same rate as hospital nurses so they will continue to work in those sectors.

Big brother has an eye on you

Not to be paranoid or anything, but do you ever get the feeling that you're...being watched?

You're not paranoid - just observant.

Various agencies, governmental and otherwise, are taking an increasing interest in peeping over our shoulders to find out what we're up to.

We've grown accustomed to the idea of cameras in banks watching for Stephen Reid wannabes. We don't bat an eye at cameras mounted over intersections to intercept speeders. But by God, I draw the line at omelette surveillance.

A recent report in *The New York Times* reveals that several high-end Manhattan restaurants have quietly installed digital surveillance cameras. The cameras have zoom lenses for close-ups of what you're eating - or whispering to your date.

They also have 'remote access' so that anybody from the maitre 'd to the coat check clerk can zero in on you and find out if you're enjoying the specialite de la maison. Or, for that matter if you're picking your nose.

Why would restaurateurs choose to spy on their clientele? They claim that the cameras allows the kitchen staff to know when you're finishing your appetizer so they can send out the entree on

time. And since the whole system is computerized, some restaurants are taking advantage of vacant disc space to build up personal profiles of their regular customers - what you like to eat, how much you drink, your phone number, your address, your MasterCard number...

Creepy as the idea of cameras in restaurants is, it's small potatoes compared to the software the Federal Bureau of Investigation has in its Sneaky Tricks Closet. They call it Carnivore, aptly enough.

It's a kind of cyberspace vacuum cleaner software that virtually inhales millions of emails and extracts the 'meat' of them. The FBI can slap Carnivore onto any Internet service provider and glean whatever nuggets they're after. It means the Feds can monitor every e-mail coming to and going from that service.

An FBI spokesman says using Carnivore is no more sinister than getting a wiretap.

Sure. A wiretap that covers millions of people at once.

Galloping busybodyism is not an American phenomenon.

Over in Britain an estimated 1.5 million closed circuit television cameras keep track of some 60 million citizens. You find the monitors in

pubs, in grocery stores, in bus depots and train stations. Shoppers on Oxford Street may not be aware of it but there are 16 cameras trained on them - all connected to Marylebone police station.

Pity? Never in Canada, you say?

Allow me to introduce you to Echelon - because your government sure as hell won't be telling you about it. Echelon is a new, hush-hush global satellite web run by the U.S., Britain, New Zealand, Australia - and Canada. Echelon can monitor phone calls, faxes and any Internet communications coming from your house or mine. There are all kinds of applications, from marketing surveys, to monitoring employees to eavesdropping on Internet chat rooms.

The most chilling thing about Echelon, Carnivore and the other Cybersnoops is the rationale their defenders invariably offer. As one booster put it: "If you've done nothing wrong, you have nothing to worry about." Right. That's what Heinrich Himmler used to say when people complained about the Gestapo.

Paranoid?

Could be.

You know the old riddle: How many paranoids does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

Who wants to know?

Etcetera

Arthur Black

Space would be used for Dysart Council Chamber

Library amalgamation proposed

by Matthew Sitrer

Minden at 7 p.m.

The following items were discussed at the January 8 meeting of Dysart Municipal Council.

Without having read too much into the subject, it was casually suggested at last week's Dysart Council meeting that the two library services in the village should be located in one location.

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis said that by moving the library located beside the township municipal offices to the building which houses the County Library headquarters on Mountain Street, Council could free up space for a new, larger council chamber. "It only makes sense to have them located at one central spot," offered Davis.

Councillor Jerry Walker nodded his agreement. "We've got the museum and people looking for tourist information, - We should take a look at one larger building to house these things in with public wash-rooms," said Walker.

The other members of Council would not commit to seriously entertaining the idea at the moment, but Davis felt it should be looked at during the upcoming year.

Land Division Committee Appointments

Councillor Jerry Walker and Deputy Reeve Bill Davis will be Dysart's representative's on the Haliburton County Land Division Committee.

Davis said that most of the applications reviewed at the LDC were from Dysart and that it wouldn't hurt to have two people from the municipality on the committee. The LDC meets every second Monday evening of the month at the County offices in

Rail's End Gallery thinks big

A proposal to re-establish the Rail's End Gallery as a viable tourist attraction in Haliburton Village has been given the go-ahead by Dysart Council.

To do this, the nod was given to apply for Ontario Heritage Challenge Funding by council. The Guild of Fine Arts proposal was given by local Consultant Jim Blake who was hired to do so on behalf of the Guild.

Phase one of the proposal will cost \$151,000 and it is hoped that the Ontario Challenge Fund will pay for half. Dysart Township would then cover another quarter of the cost leaving the Guild of Fine Arts to raise the rest of the money for phase one.

An application to cover the second phase of the project will then be submitted to the Ontario Superbuild Corporation under its Recreation and Heritage allocation. Phase two costs \$509,000 and it is hoped that SuperBuild will cover at least half of this cost.

Village Water System Study funding nixed

Hopes for funding that would have paid the cost of an engineering study into the need and cost of a municipal water system for Haliburton Village were dashed when Dysart Council learned they could not apply for the funding of two projects under SuperBuild's first allocation. "We did put that through, but they got back to us and said we could not have two projects," confirmed Reeve Murray Fearrey. "So we had to cancel the water study." This issue was discussed at a special council meeting held November 14, one day after the election.

Dysart seeks funding for incineration system

(from page one)

strategy.

"If he gets what he's applied for (an oxidizer), - that's a major expenditure that is already in place," she said. The CACE representative added she thinks an Eco Waste Oxidizer will have trouble conforming to SuperBuild's funding parameters. "I think they're going to have trouble fitting into those categories," she said.

Fearrey, however, remains confident of Council's current application to SuperBuild, saying "It fits." Dysart's Reeve added that his council intends to look at areas such as Concord, Ontario - places that have initiated specialized composting programs, to scrutinize that option further. "It's very specialized equipment that gets rid of all the waste through composting," he explained. "And it would be as much money from what we are hearing, as the other (Eco Waste). - We've applied for both because we haven't decided which we will be doing."

The Reeve said that if the funding doesn't come through, then this is all 'pie in the sky'. "If it is, and by then we've decided which direction we are going in, we'll have a lot of matching funds to raise," he added. Dysart Clerk Donna McCallum added that the SuperBuild Corporation must feel that the project has merit. "They have accepted our letter of intent," she confirmed.

Four easy ways to save on investment returns

Canadian investors know that investing money in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) is a smart way to save for retirement because it allows for tax-sheltered growth until the money is withdrawn. However, when it comes to investing outside an RRSP, most Canadians don't realize that taxes can take a big bite out of their investment returns in some cases as much as 50 per cent.

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4. Cut Taxes Outside Your RRSP

Once you have contributed the maximum to your RRSP, consider boosting your non-registered savings. Outside of your RRSP you may wish to consider investments that generate tax-advantaged income such as capital gains and Canadian-source dividends. You should also consider keeping the most highly taxed investments such as Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs), money market and bonds funds in your RRSP.

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Sports

Zone 5 Playdowns

The OCA Ladies' Trophy Competition playdowns will be held in Minden on January 20 and 21

Ice racing season starts in Minden



THEY'RE OFF: The 2001 season of ice racing took the green flag Saturday with drivers getting a feel for the track. The competition will continue every weekend for several weeks, as long as Mother Nature co-operates with temperatures low enough to keep the track in good condition.

It's ice racing time in Minden again. Every Saturday and Sunday for the next several weeks racers will take to the track at the Minden Fairgrounds, weather permitting.

A total of 10 classes of racing are on the program, broken down into the basic divisions of: rear wheel drive; front wheel drive; and four wheel drive. Studded tire classes and non-studded tire classes are included in each division.

The Saturday action at the track will get under way at 10 a.m. and continue until between 4 and 5 p.m., depending on the number of heats.

Sunday racing will start at noon and finish by about 4 p.m.

For those familiar with the previous years' competition, local driver Tom Prentice says the racing will be the same as last year. Prentice will be rac-

ing two vehicles again this season. Watch for him in his Ford Ranger pickup in the studded tire class and his Skoda in the rubber tire class.

Several other local racers can be expected to compete this year. Prentice said at least three from Haliburton and three from Minden will be vying for top honours in several classes.

Prentice, who builds the track, said it was in really good condition for the start of this year's season. "It's the first time in quite a few years we've been able to start the season on time," he said. In the past, Mother Nature didn't co-operate, giving us warm temperatures in early January, making track conditions unsuitable.

Racers took advantage of more favourable conditions for this year's opening weekend.

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Trails & Tours Network launches web site

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The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is pleased to announce its new web site - www.trailsandtours.com. Check it out! It has been designed to serve as a gateway to all trail interests in Haliburton County. The site is a work in progress and we invite suggestions for expanding it. If you have some nifty trail information, a cool link or want to see a change, please let us know. Advertising space is now for sale. Business Friends get a discount on all advertising with the Network.

Speaking of Business Friends, we would like to welcome Boatworks, Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, Halimar Lodge, and Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast Inn to the Network.

Lost Trail Ways

I am forever optimistic about the future of trails in Haliburton County. However, I lose some bounce when I hear stories about lost trail ways. It seems Haliburton County may have lost another portage to development. Use of the old highway bridge in Minden has been closed to use by snowmobiles and other uses. Remember

the loss of the Jim Beef trail last year. Many of our trail resources continue to be on the endangered list.

To recover our losses or avoid future ones we need more voices for trails. Join a local trail organization or the Network, talk to a neighbour, a landowner, a developer, a real estate agent, government representative or a trail user. Go for a walk, a ski, a ride, a paddle - get a feel for the trail experience. Take a hat off to and support those folks who work to protect our trail resources. Leon Jones, councilor for Guilford Township, is working to restore that lost portage. Steve Berry, HCSA President, has spent many hours trying to keep that bridge open. These trail champions and others could use a little help.

It is easy to get discouraged.... On the other hand, we are skiing the Jim Beef again!



TRAILS AND TOURS TALK

by Barrie Martin

Thinking Big

Dare we think big? Dare we turn that dream of Haliburton County having the best trail system into reality? The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network has prepared a discussion paper to generate awareness and support for what could be - if we all work together.

Given progress to date, the Network is well positioned for the next and most critical phase for achieving its vision. With a Board of Directors well established, marketing (brochures and kiosks) and resource development activities under way, and key "building blocks" (inventory database and trail development tem-

plate) in place, it is essential that a major investment in the trails themselves be made. Major funding opportunities such as SuperBuild and Ontario Living Legacy have been unveiled.

It is in this context that we have prepared a discussion paper, *Trails for Haliburton County - A Comprehensive Trail Development Initiative of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network*. It proposes, on behalf of all trail organizations, owners and man-

agers, to bring all trail development projects - upgrades and new projects - under one comprehensive proposal. Integrating all trail projects into one may be a more successful approach to securing funding than submitting several individual projects. Through the collaborative efforts of all trail interests, together as a Network, we can achieve what no single interest group could. We can build and maintain a great trail system, encourage healthy lifestyles, and enhance the local economy through an improved year-round trail and tour experience.

The discussion paper speaks to the development of a strategic plan for future trail development and management; upgrading of existing trails to standards and visual identity defined in the Trail Development Template; and the initiation and completion of several proposed trail projects.

Let the dialogue begin. We are interested in talking to all trail interests, local government, community organizations, and individuals. Is there a trail project that you would like to see included in this proposal? Is there another recreational or cultural community project that could be linked to this project or vice versa? If you would like a copy of the discussion paper please contact Rachel Gillooly at 705-286-1760 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit our web site www.trailsandtours.com.

Meet Minden Hills council on Canada Day

The new council of Minden Hills plans to hold a "meet and greet" session on Canada Day to give both the full-time and seasonal residents a chance to meet their elected representatives and talk about their concerns.

Councillor Peter Oyler suggested having a "New Years levy" early in the year, but Reeve Ross Rigney pointed out that most of the seasonal residents

would not be in the area at this time of year. He said he liked the idea, but the timing would be better suited to the summer.

After some discussion, it was decided to have the "levy" at the council chambers on Canada Day.

The idea will be forwarded to the Canada Day Committee to be fitted into the program.

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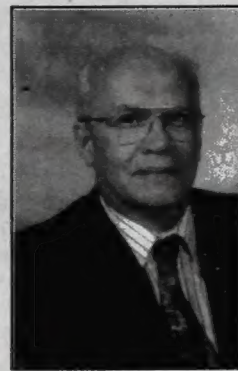
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Tuesday Afternoon League (January 9)

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High single (handicap): Ross Henderson 274; Joyce Hill 254

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High single (handicap): John Pugh 308; Myra Marshall 286

High triple: Ken Thompson 638; Myra Marshall 564

High triple (handicap): Vern Stout 744; Eleanor Bunker 766

Wednesday Afternoon League (January 3)

High average: Ken Thompson 224; Marie Thompson 186

High single: Roy Scott 305; Jean Pugh

204

High single (handicap): Roy Scott 341; Jean Pugh 254

High triple: Ken Thompson 702; Jean Pugh 511

High triple (handicap): Roy Scott 760; Jean Pugh 661

Wednesday Afternoon League (January 10)

High average: Ken Thompson 223; Marie Thompson 187

High single: Avar Edwards 322; Maria Tschida 236

High single (handicap): Avar Edwards 346; Maria Tschida 300

High triple: Avar Edwards 870; Marie Thompson 600

High triple (handicap): Avar Edwards 942; Maria Tschida 745

Thursday Afternoon League (January 4)

High average: Merv Bunker 269; Shirley Webb 184

High single: Merv Bunker 314; Shirley Webb 217

High single (handicap): Vern Chilton 276; Doreen Hogg 248

High triple: Merv Bunker 807; Shirley Webb 554

High triple (handicap): Vern Chilton 737; Laura Carnegie 665

Thursday Afternoon League (January 11)

High average: Merv Bunker 229; Shirley Webb 219

High single: Merv Bunker 269; Shirley Webb 249

High single (handicap): Ross Henderson 297; Doreen Hogg 264

High triple: Merv Bunker 689; Shirley Webb 659

High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 732; Maraylene Welch 733

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High triple: Kurran Devolin 341; Hillary Anderson 319

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High single: Jeff Mickle 226; Lesley Cox 193

High single (handicap): Ryan Robinson 240; Lesley Cox 229

High triple: Jeff Mickle 571; Lesley Cox 456

High triple (handicap): Jeff Mickle 673; Lesley Cox 536

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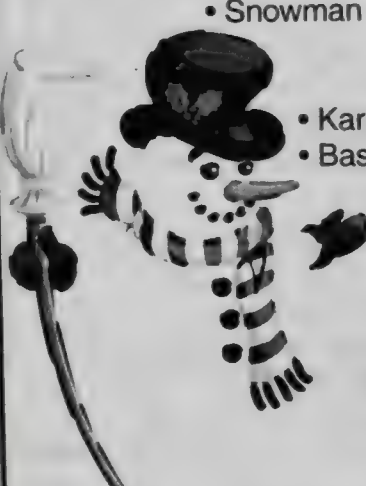
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Minden peewees sweep Haliburton with two in a row

Minden 4, Haliburton 1

Just prior to Christmas, the Haliburton Huskies traveled to Minden to take on the Monarchs. Both teams came out skating and put on a great show, but on this night, it would be the Monarchs who played with that extra dollop of intensity.

Sean Keaney drew first blood for Minden when he scored early in the first period. Assists went to Darrin Brown and David Toye. Travis Walker then gave the Monarchs a two-goal lead in the second period after taking a Steve Draker feed.

Haliburton replied shortly thereafter, narrowing the gap to a single goal, but Walker again restored the two-goal cushion late in the period. Justin McKelvey and Toye assisted.

The turning point occurred early in the third frame when the Twin Towers (Mark Fisher and Andrew Bull) both found themselves in the sin bin, granting the Huskies a two-man advantage for 1:53. Darrin Brown went back on defence and together with Steve Draker and Gavin Hicks, they did what they had to do to keep the Huskies at bay. Goaltender Mike Lennox also enjoyed his best moments of the contest during this penalty-kill, stopping a number of point-blank opportunities.

Sherri Walker put the game away a few minutes later with Minden's fourth goal of the contest. Travis Walker and Bull assisted.

Minden 3, Haliburton

Right after Christmas, the Monarchs went to Haliburton for the much-anticipated rematch. This game seemed to lack the speed and pace of the earlier contest and it looked as if each team brought its B+ game to this one.

However, Husky-hunter Travis Walker scored late in the first period to give Minden the lead. Fisher and

Brown assisted. Shortly thereafter, Haliburton had the opportunity to tie the game on a breakaway, but Lennox handled the stick-side deke.

Travis Walker scored again late in the second, with Keaney and Brown assisting and it looked like Minden was taking control of the game. Not so. The Huskies scored a hugely important goal with three seconds left in the middle frame to get back in the game.

The Huskies had all the momentum early in the third period and tied the game quickly. With the score knotted at two, it was now gut-check time as everyone knew the next goal would be the winner.

Adam Googh and Cody Mills forechecked furiously and generated some great chances, but Sean Keaney netted the winner with five minutes left in the game. He deflected a blast from the deep slot by Gavin Hicks past the Husky netminder. Andrew Bull also drew an assist on the game winner.

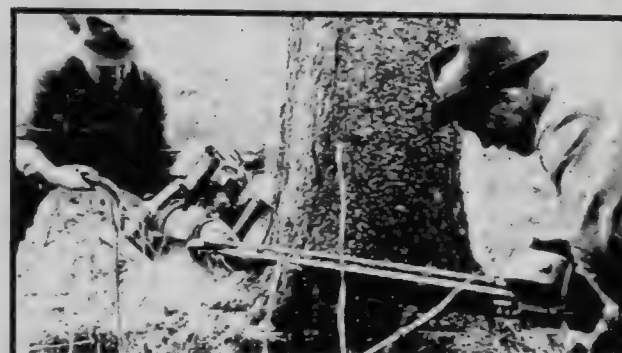
Minden Hills logo contest

A logo and flag design contest is expected to be approved by the council of Minden Hills at the next meeting on January 25. With the formation of the new amalgamated municipality, a new logo will be needed, and members of the public will be invited to submit their designs.

A selection committee will short-list the entries and present them to council for the final decision.

Councillor Ingram Wessell commented that it is a good idea to have citizens' input.

Details of the contest are expected to be ironed out so the contest notification can go out with the tax bills.



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Tracking down "grey material"

Searching for county history in dusty boxes

Are there historical insights hidden away in those old letters, diaries and photos stashed in the back of your closet?

U-links, the centre for community based research and education in Haliburton County, thinks that just might be the case. In fact, the organization believes these buried caches could be a treasure trove of historical nuggets and has hired someone to search for them.

Jenny Sharp has just started a 16 week contract with U-Links. She is searching for what is known as "grey material".

"I started by contacting the municipal offices in the county to let them know about the project," Sharp said. She noted that with amalgamation, the records of some of the municipalities could be lost. While municipal files are not classified as grey material, she expects that material collected in municipal offices could in fact match the criteria including such items as pamphlets, letters, photographs and other material which may provide historical perspective to a time and the community.

The municipal records are relatively easy to track down. What may be more challenging to find are the sort of things that are held by private citizens.

"We are looking for any written material, documents, photos, reports, school essays and projects...anything that will provide details about the county," Sharp said. Included in the material would be diaries and family trees.

The search for grey material has a number of purposes. "We want to know what material is out there and if it is accessible to the public," Sharp commented. In some cases, if the material is important and the owners want to retain it, Sharp will make copies of it so the information is available to others. If the owners are willing, and the material is deemed of significant value, it might

Jenny Sharp, seated, with U-Links coordinator Kate Hall. She is looking for "grey material" on Haliburton County.



be suggested that the item be given to one of the local museums for safekeeping.

Sharp emphasized that, even though her office is based in Minden, she is interested in material from all areas of the county. "This is a county-wide effort,"

she said, "I hope residents throughout the Highlands will see the value of bringing this information forward."

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Canadian skiers excel at World Cup in Utah

This year's racing action on the Haliburton trails is packed into the early part of the season. While we are watching for upcoming reports on the results of local races, perhaps it's time we looked in on the international racing scene.

Fortunately, there is great news to report from Soldier Hollow, Utah, the site of a recent World Cup event on the course where the 2002 Olympics will be held. Canadian Beckie Scott from Vermillion, Alberta skied into Canadian Nordic history with one of the best ever Canadian World Cup results. Scott, who also achieved a personal best ever, finished in fourth place in the one-day pursuit World Cup in Salt Lake City at the site of the 2002 Olympic Cross Country venue.

Scott was nipped at the line in the second half of the event for third place by Italian veteran Stephania Belmondo. In a pursuit the skiers ski both the classic and skating style in the same day. The first race in the morning was a five kilometre classic style race, which sets the start time and position for the second five kilometres skating style event in the afternoon. The first person to the line in the second race wins the overall event.

Scott, who was ranked 14th overall on the World Cup and 9th on the Sprint World Cup last season, led a Canadian charge of best-ever World Cup performances. Sara Renner from Canmore, Alberta finished in 15th place 1:58.9 behind the leader. Milaine Theriault from St. Quentin, New Brunswick finished with a in 17 place, 2:00.7 back. The Fortier sisters from

Edmonton followed with their personal best World Cup finishes with a 21st place finish for Amanda Fortier 2:15.3 back from the leader, followed by sister Jaime who moved from 32nd place after the morning race into a final 26th place finish, 2:39.00 behind the leader. Tascha Betscherman from Thunder Bay finished 40th, followed by Tara Whitten from Edmonton in 42nd.

Not only were the women's team results strong, but they also met the qualifying standards for the Olympics to be held in 2002, so we know that we will have something to watch for next winter when the games return to

North America.

Closer to home, the stars of tomorrow are enjoying the Jackrabbit Ski Program at Glebe Park every Saturday, and this year's turnout may be the best ever, but that also puts pressure on the club's limited supply of spare equipment. If you now of any children's ski equipment that is looking for a new best friend, drop it off at the club house or call 457-1465 to make arrangements for the donation.

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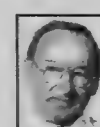
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North/South divide: log chute or museum?

By Matthew Sittler

At its last meeting, a divided Stanhope, Sherborne et al Council squabbled over which project to fund with the Ontario SuperBuild second allocation.

Under the second phase of SuperBuild Infrastructure Corporation funding allocations, the municipality can apply for the funding of a project which is identified as one that pertains to sports, culture and tourism partnerships.

Two options exist: Option one involves health and safety applications and; Option two can be for renovations related to the identified areas. Only one of these options can be selected per application from each municipality. Council must also give adequate notice why their application is important to the municipality. The deadline for the notice is February 2.

Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed said now that there is only one township, council should get over the idea that municipal museums should be separate. His position was that an amalgamated museum project to house dif-

ferent articles of historical, municipal significance be funded by the SuperBuild money.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison had other ideas. "The other thing that came to my mind was our (Hawk Lake) log chute," she said. "For the February deadline, the work is probably 99.999% completed due to the 'powerful' amount of work Carol Moffatt has done in its regard."



Museum Ideas

Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed thinks that SuperBuild could fund an 'Amalgamated Museum.'

The Reeve conceded that the interests of both ends of the Township should be represented, but felt strongly about the log chute. Councillor Tom Gardner agreed the Stanhope log chute project would be the better candidate for funding. "I just want to see us get funding for the largest project," he said. "Something that we couldn't possibly afford on our own."

Councillor Kerri Locke said she felt more time was needed to assess either decision, but nodded in favour of Shortreed's suggestion.

"You need partnerships for this funding as well," added Reeve Harrison. "And partnerships are already in place for the log chute as well."

Councillor Jim Hicks pointed out

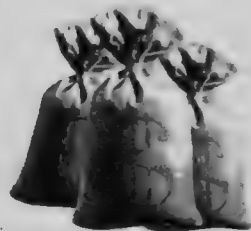
that a project such as the log chute could not be funded bit by bit, that it would benefit most from the one-time funding allocation. Reeve Harrison agreed. "I don't think we would ever have a museum put together in time," she said, adding, "if we are going to move on this one, we have to do it quickly because the letter needs to go in." The council agreed to invite individuals favouring of both projects to the next council meeting. A decision may be made at that time.

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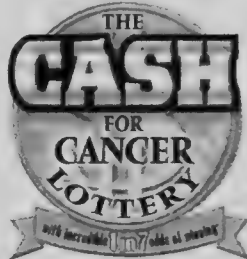
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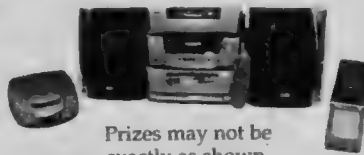
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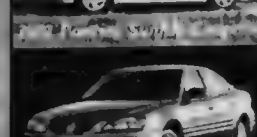
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MOE says testing is necessary

by Matthew Sitrer

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is aware of the septic/holding tank hauling shortage in Haliburton, says MOE Senior Environmental Officer Eugene Raymo, but he says that until haulers are prepared to pay for a hydrogeological test for their winter lagoons, little can be done to remedy the problem.

"We are aware that many licenced septic haulers have not applied to have winter storage sites approved," said Raymo last Friday. "There is a hauler outside of Haliburton County, however, who has approval for a winter storage facility, and that hauler has indicated he will make trips to Haliburton County." In addition to this, Raymo said that Murray French Septic Pumping has the municipality of Dysart's approval to dispose up to 2,800 gallons per day into the Haliburton Sewage Treatment Plant.

"Those are a couple of opportunities to get pumped-out," he said. "Sheppard's (in Cobocok) can take it from anywhere to his licenced site." Raymo added that the MOE issues a waste management septic approval to haulers and that a condition within that approval states that all previously approved disposal sites expired on May 8, 2000. A site cannot be used unless haulers get re-approval of their sites by the MOE. In most cases this would require a

hydrogeological test. "The approval was issued two years ago and the permit holders should have known at that time of the expiry date," he said.

In addition to the approval, the Ministry sent a notification to haulers and a letter last year, he adds. "...to every hauler we knew about, but we might have missed one up in that area."

"The MOE is aware that the Haliburton Health Unit knows about the situation," said Raymo. "I don't know what is taking place at a higher level, if anything." The Senior Environmental Officer said the MOE will review applications which must include a hydrogeological assessment for a lagoon, and if satisfactory, will issue an approval for the site. "To date, no applications from any hauler have been received by the MOE for any sites in Haliburton County," said Raymo.

The test is done at the hauler's expense. "If they want to continue pumping during winter, they must have proper facilities to do so," he stressed. "Yes, it is at their expense."

"Many of these sites have been in operation for a long time - some have been just dug out in sand. The reason we want the test, is to find out: What has been the impact over the last ten years? What is the potential for the environmental impact of future use of that site?"

Two males charged with Minden break and enters

On December 22, the OPP investigated an incident at a cottage located on Reynolds Road in Minden Township. A resident observed footprints leading into the cottage. Officers visited the scene and located an abandoned 1989 GMC pick-up in the ditch near the cottage. A check of the vehicle revealed that it had been stolen the previous night from York Region area.

When the police entered the cottage, two males were located, arrested and held in custody, pending a bail hearing.

Further investigation revealed that the two were also responsible for break and enters to four cottages located on the southeast shore of Horseshoe Lake in Minden Township. These incidents were reported on December 26, however, they were believed to occur during the same time frame. Cottages and sheds were both broken into. In most cases, items were not taken, however doors and frames had been damaged. A quantity of coins, cash, screwdriver and scissors were found in the possession of

one of the suspects.

Robert Moore age 22, of Lindsay, is charged with, possession of property obtained by crime, break, enter and theft, breach of undertaking, two counts of breach of probation, mischief under \$5,000 and four counts of break and enter with intent. Also in custody at Millbrook Correctional Facility awaiting a court date is Jason McGown, 21, of Lindsay. He is charged with, theft over \$5,000, possession of property obtained by crime, break, enter and theft, obstruct peace officer, weapons dangerous, breach of probation, possession of break and enter instrument, mischief under \$5,000, breach of undertaking and four counts of break and enter with intent.

Drug charges in Glamorgan

The OPP, the Huronia Combined Forces Drug Unit, the Haliburton-Victoria Crime Unit and the Street Crime Unit investigated an incident on Lakeshore Drive in Glamorgan Town-

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Craig Philip rolls 299 single in Monday Night League

Most of the County Bowling Centre league score recorders have shifted out of holiday mode and are catching up with reports from the past month.

Legion 636 Mixed League (December 11)

High average: Fred Knight 185; Maxine Cross 171
High single: Jim Hindle 207; Ann Oakley 186
High single (handicap): Len Kroes 268; Pat Roussel/Ann Oakley 247
High triple: Fred Knight 568; Leitha Kuchalema 513
High triple (handicap): Winston Turk 717; Leitha Kuchalema 699

Legion 636 Mixed League (December 18)

High average: Fred Knight 185; Maxine Cross 171
High single: Bob Vankoughnet 230; Maxine Cross 193
High single (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 268; Georgina Parkes 246
High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 583; Maxine Cross 517
High triple (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 696; Flo Roussel 656

Monday Night Mixed League (December 19)

High average: Scott Moore 239; Michelle Moore 189
High single: Craig Philip 299; Linda Graham 202
High single (POA): Craig Philip +131; Colleen Mewha +34
High triple: Walt Stegmaier 700; Linda Graham 513

High triple (POA): Craig Philip +194; Colleen Mewha +62

Tuesday Senior Match Play (December 19)

High average: Ron Earle 180; Theresa Fox 166
High single: Ron Earle 263; Kathy Whiteside 177
High single (handicap): Ron Earle 306; Kathy Whiteside 251
High triple: Neville Whiteside 605; Theresa Fox 451
High triple (handicap): Neville Whiteside 752; Muriel Drinkle 650

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League (December 14)

High average: Addie Dykstra 203; Grace Chapman 183
High single: Addie Dykstra 282; Edith Alzner 232
High single (handicap): Addie Dykstra 301; Edith Alzner 284
High triple: Addie Dykstra 673; Edith Alzner 529
High triple (handicap): Gord Mitchell 732; Edith Alzner 685

Thursday Night Mixed League (December 7)

High average: Walt Stegmaier 222; Joan Rivard 191
High single: Walt Stegmaier 273; Gloria Wagg 204
High single (handicap): Walt Stegmaier 276; Carol Gilligan 263
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Sherborne, Stanhope sets meeting schedule

by Matthew Sitrler

The following items were discussed at the January 3 Sherborne, Stanhope municipal council.

Council meeting schedule

The Stanhope, Sherborne et al council will hold its monthly council meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. For this month only, the next meeting will be held Friday, January 19.

Municipal performance measurement

Council has received notification of the dates it must submit the data

of nine core service areas to the Province for evaluation. The nine areas to be reported on include garbage, sewage, water, transportation, fire, police, local government and social services. A comprehensive handbook has also been received by council which will help establish how the areas will be evaluated in comparison with other municipalities.

Land Division Committee Appointments

Murray Daniels from Stanhope and John Clayton from Sherborne et al will be the municipality's representatives on the County Land Division Committee.

The Township of Minden Hills Requires a CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Located in the County of Haliburton, the Township of Minden Hills, is a newly restructured Municipality, which came into effect on January 1, 2001. The Municipality consists of the former Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden, the Township of Lutterworth and the Township of Snowdon, and has a population of 4,900, with a very high seasonal population.

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- Must have a solid understanding of construction techniques and a demonstrated ability to read and interpret plans and blueprints, in order to carry out inspections to verify code compliance and/or highlight any inadequacies/violations.
- Must be knowledgeable of cost estimating, including specification writing and materials, and tendering procedures.
- Must be knowledgeable of the Ontario Fire Code in order to assess building safety/compliance.
- Must have a good understanding of municipal by-laws, the Provincial Offences Act and other related legislation.
- Must possess strong communication and inter-personal skills; a working knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet computer software applications; excellent planning/time management and organizational skills.
- Must have a minimum of five years experience as a Chief Building Official and By-law Enforcement Officer.
- Must be experienced in the supervision of staff and the administration of employment policies. Experience in the administration of collective agreements is an asset.

Compensation for the position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. A comprehensive benefit package will be available. A detailed position description is available by contacting the undersigned.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence, clearly marked "C.B.O. Application", by 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, to: Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario. K0M 2K0. Attention: Ms. Tammy McKelvey, CAO/Clerk. e-mail: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca Telephone: (705) 286-1260. Fax: (705) 286-4917.

Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. We appreciate the interest of all applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Drug charges laid

(from page 16)

ship, January 4: Following an investigation, a search warrant was executed at a residence located on Lakeshore Drive.

As a result, 740 marijuana plants approximately 2 - 2.5 inches tall were found growing in a room located in the basement. George Medley, 39, of Lakeshore Drive in Glamorgan Township was charged with producing a controlled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking, careless storage of a firearm and breach of probation. He will appear in Court in Minden on February 7.

Break, enter and thefts

The OPP investigated break-ins at two cottages located on Sullivan Drive in Harburn Township January 6. It is unknown what, if any, items were taken from the location.

A break and enter occurred at a hunt club located on Cinder Lake in Minden Township. The investigation revealed that an axe, generator and a sink were taken from the location. The incident occurred January 7.

Also on January 7, the OPP investigated a break and enter at a cottage located on Elephant Lake in Harcourt Township. A number of items were taken, however, a complete list is not available.

Theft at Kinmount Foodtown

A large sum of money was taken from the Kinmount Foodtown store safe sometime during the day of January 6. The suspect and sequence of events is unknown at this time. Anyone who has information in regard to this incident is asked to contact Kawartha Lakes OPP or Lindsay and Area Crime Stoppers.

Male charged after snowmobile RIDE check

After conducting a snowmobile RIDE program in Ward 3, northeast of Fenelon Falls, OPP officers as well as Snowmobile Trail Officer Program (STOP) Officers stopped several snowmobiles, checking for sobriety.

Several snow machines stopped for the officers but one in the line attempted to turn his machine around. The officers quickly ran towards the operator and stopped him from continuing. A roadside screening test was completed, which the driver failed. The driver was transported to detachment for further

processing and later charged with having more than 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood.

Christopher Sandluck, age 30, of Mississauga will appear before Lindsay court on January 18.

During the January 5-7 weekend, Kawartha Lakes OPP as well as STOP officers checked 300 operators.

Motor Vehicle collisions

Between January 4 - 8, the OPP investigated a total of 16 personal damage motor vehicle collisions. There were no personal injury collisions during this time.

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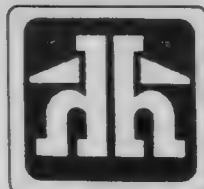
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Snowy weather cuts into activities

It's a wonderful sunny day as we sit here discussing our news of the past week. It sure is good to see the sun again.

We sure have had some snowy weather recently, and it has certainly played havoc with everyone. We are fortunate in the fact that we don't have to worry about going anywhere, but it has definitely affected a few of our activities lately.

We were pleased to welcome the folks from Allsaw Pentecostal last Thursday to our Tea Party. Wonderful hosts they were as they served their treats. We enjoyed the social occasion very much and thank them for spending time with us.

The next day however snow visited us once again and we were sorry that Cooper, Schell and Owens were unable to delight us with their music at Happy Hour. We did enjoy a good game of bingo instead so all was not lost.

The weekend was fairly quiet with a few visitors in. Many of us benefited from the Nail Care Program, thanks to Dana. We enjoyed ice cream, spent our money on the treat wagon and welcomed Rev. Burgess on his weekly visitations. Our thanks to Tim Sharpe who kindly stepped in for Rev. Everall at our Sunday afternoon Chapel Service and to Burrt Bonnell who played piano, a lovely Service.

Our Resident Council met on Monday and it was a good meeting with many attending. The following day we were pleased to have Pastor Dan Millard with us at Chapel. While he was here he took great pleasure in the photos that have been posted recently on our bulletin board. Photos of his star performance as

"The New Years Baby". Once again Dan, you are a good sport.

There are also some great pictures of fiddle players and stepdancers. The craft group got together later on Tuesday afternoon, they are busy as usual.

Our regular card players gathered again for a session on Wednesday. Harold and Marjorie against Margaret and Thelda. Harold and

Marjorie won two games to one and all seemed to have a good time.

The Norland Hillbillies were unable to come for our Pub Night. At this time we would like to extend our condolences to Ken Diebel on the recent death of his brother, also our thoughts are with Budgie (hope we have spelled this correctly) as one of his family members is quite ill.

In place of Pub Night we enjoyed a game of bingo. Dana would like to thank Ruth (daughter of Ruth Alton) for her assistance with the game, as Dana said it is hard for one person to run it.

Today our Tea Party is scheduled to be hosted by the "Martha Group". We look forward to having them join us. We are just about caught up on our news, but before we go we have a message to pass on.

We were sorry to hear that one of our canine visitor died. Her name was Louie, the gorgeous Irish wolfhound. We know that her owner, Tom Brown will miss her. She was a lovely companion and we will truly miss her visits.

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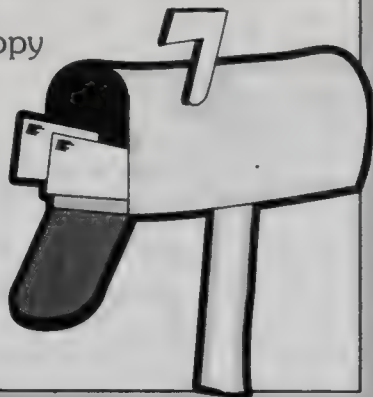
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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mlindenhouse@on.aibn.com>)

Winter is certainly an extreme season. It displays another aspect of the beauty of our landscape. Especially this year with all this snow. So many of us are remarking on how it reminds us of our childhood.

Just as I wrote that I had an image of myself walking to school, probably about Grade Three, and the snow was piled high on both sides of the sidewalk. I also had a hole in the thumb of my mitten so I had to hold my thumb cupped under my fingers to keep it warm. I still do that to this day and it makes me think of that day every time. Strange little memories we have! The childhood memories for those of you who grew up here must have lots of snow in them.

And fun in the snow: lots of snowmobiles around. Some of them pretty fancy looking!! I must admit, I don't see the charm, but obviously I am in the minority up here, and thank heavens I am, as so many come here to pursue their passions!!

The Ice Car Racers are back again!! This year they should have a good long season with all this white stuff. This group helps to brighten our winter with their presence in our community. Welcome!!

But this extreme can also cause tragedy. I am thinking of the sad deaths of two area men. Rick Elstone from Haliburton and Bill McCluney in Kinmount. Both died as a result of the cold. Both men in situations beyond their control. So hard to bear.

The Highland Highlands Genealogy Group is opening its Resource Centre in Memories Etc. Tearoom (across from the CIBC, Minden) on Wednesday, January 17 in the evening. This Resource Centre will be available every third Wednesday in January, February, March and April in order for you to do your research. This could be an ongoing monthly event if it proves to be popular. Please call Carol Miles at 286-3090 if you are interested and a time space will be saved for you. These hours are on a "Use It or Lose It" basis and there is no charge for the use of the resources. More generosity!!

The Minden W.I. meeting will be held Wednesday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Library/Cultural Centre. Betty Herlihey will be the speaker with the topic of 'Current Events of the Past Year'. The Tweedsmuir Books will also be on display. All women are welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton County Fair, sponsored by the Minden Agricultural Society, will be held Saturday, January 20 at the Pepper Mill Restaurant. Cocktails will be served between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. with dinner following. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased at The Storeroom. You may also call Sue at 286-2996 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Wishing everyone a great week in our winter wonderland!!

SCORING NEWS

Thursday, January 4: Euchre at the Minden Legion: Verna McDonald and Milton Fletcher won most lone hands. Vi Edgson and Harvey Bunker won the high scores and Doreen Francis and Tod Edgson took the low ones. Maxine Cross, Kevin Maloney and May Bradbury won the other prizes.

Saturday, January 6: Bid Euchre at Staunworth: Ellie Langpohl was *Numero Uno* with a whooping score of 330!! Highest score in this column I think. Isabel Cherwenka was second with 265. Dorothy McElwain and Jack Chilton found the hidden scores. Isabel Cherwenka, Margaret Fletcher and Ruth Kellett won moonshots. The group wants to report that Pat Scadden is doing well after surgery and everyone is waiting for him to be home soon.

Monday, January 8: Bid Euchre at the Kinmount Legion. Ida Young was first, followed by Victor Balik in second. Isabel Cherwenka won the only moonshot. Esther Lee was the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw.

Euchre with the Friendship Club playing at St. Paul's in Minden: Pat Bailey won lone hands. High scores went to Lorna Hicks and Don Hicks. The low scores were taken by Verna McDonald and Bill Mosley. The draws went to Tim Sharpe and Laura Carnegie. This group welcomes everyone who would like to join them every Monday afternoon starting at 1:00 p.m.

Euchre at Club 35 in the evening: Pearl Kernohan was the winner of the 50/50 draw and high woman. Garth Windsor was high man. Marjorie Cowen and Ivan Kernohan took the low

scores. Helen Windsor won lone hands and Harry Randell walked off with the baloney.

Cribbage at the Minden Legion: also in the evening. Doug Robinson was first and Gwen Cox was second. Esther Lee, Brenda Deguire and Doug Robinson won the draws.

Tuesday, January 9: Bridge at the Stanhope in the afternoon: Muriel McIntosh and Betty Roszell bid and made a small slam. High scores went to Morris Hansen, first with 5070; second, Muriel McIntosh with 4910; third, Betty Roszell with 4610; fourth, Wynne Hansen with 450. The magic number of the day went to Barbara Cummings.

Bid Euchre for seniors at the Minden Legion in the afternoon: The winners were Dorothy McElwain, Gladys Wruth, Esther Lee and Ida Young. Verna Crego, Elva Paisley, Howard Smith and Isabel Cherwenka each found a hidden score. Gerald Ruddling and Milton Fletcher won moonshots.

Euchre in Gelert in the evening: High and low women were Reta Crofts and Ruby Francis. High and low men were Bob Vick and 'Audrey Vick'. Issy Dedman took lone hands and Ann Francis won the 50/50 draw.

Wednesday, January 10: Duplicate Bridge at Parklane: North/South first place winners with 67% were Nick Lehoczky and Hal Beach. In second with 53% were Wynne and Morris Hansen. East/West winners in first with 66% were Willi and Jack Cox. In second with 62% were Evelyn Morgan and Maria Lehoczky.

Euchre at the Kinmount Legion in the evening. Glenda Swanton was high woman and Lucille Carter was low. There was a tie for high man in the names of Gary Anderson and Norman Carter. Sally Taylor was 'low man'. Lone hands went to Joanne Freeman, Shelley Reeds and Glenda Swanton. Glenda Swanton then went on to win the 50/50 draw. It certainly was Glenda's night!!

Stanhope Bid Euchre: Norm Lee, June Branning, Jack Cox, Rob Evans, Garth Windsor each won a moonshot and Margaret Fletcher won three!! High scores went to: Paul Thompson, 284; Milton Fletcher, 287; Len Kroes, 310; Norm Lee, 337(!); and Muriel Harrington with 351(!!!). It was certainly a great week for high scores at Bid Euchre. Congratulations to everyone!!

Those are all the scores for last week. I hope you are racking up good ones for this week too!!

Once again we are preparing our annual wedding planner

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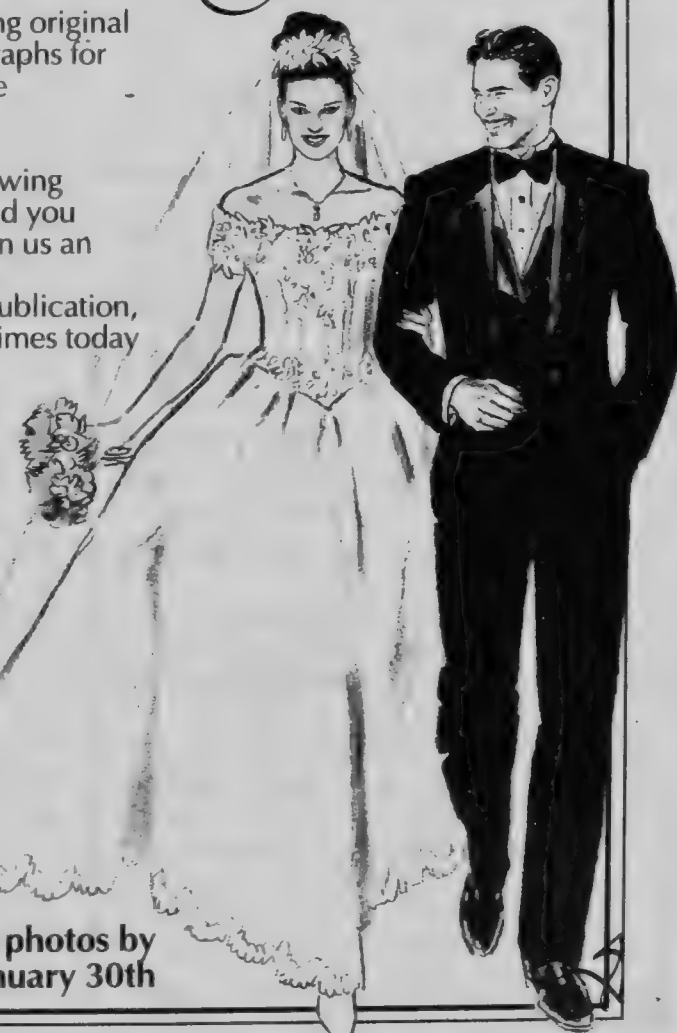
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thank all the doctors and nurses at Lakeridge Health Hospital in Oshawa, they were very kind not just to me, but to my family who patiently awaited my arrival. Also a big

thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers and presents. I hope to meet everyone very soon.

Owen.

P.S. Congratulations to Anita Marshall from Minden who won the "baby pool" at the Minden Animal Clinic where my mom works.

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On behalf of the family, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support during Allan's illness especially Minden, Zion and Maple Lake churches for their prayers, cards and phone calls, the Palliative Care volunteers (remarkable), V.O.N visits daily, Family Access, Hospice and S.I.R.C.H. Committee, flowers, generous Memorial contributions, Rev. Jim Alsop, Rev. Peter Walford-Davis for many visits and prayers, Monk Funeral Home for their kindness and dignity in the way they handled the funeral arrangements and Maple Lake U.C.W. for their delicious lunch.
Hazel Dorman.

We would like to say a very special thank you to all those who attended, brought food, gave memorial donations, sent flowers, sympathy cards and for all the calls of understanding on the sudden loss of a dear husband and Dad, Milton Loucks on December 21, 2000. Thank you to the ladies for a lovely lunch and giving of their time at a special family time of year. To the Gordon Monk Funeral Home for your understanding and guidance through a difficult time. To Reverend Larry Forsyth for his comforting words and for being Dad's friend. To all of you, it has been very comforting to have had your support, care and understanding at this time. No words can express how much everything has been appreciated.
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Helen Newton & Family.

Shadow is home! To all in the Kushog Lake area who assisted in our search, our sincere thanks.

AT REST

EVANS,
Dorothy Ellen

Dorothy was called into the arms of God on Thursday, December 28th, 2000 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was the dear sister of the late Robert Evans and sister-in-law to Veneida. Dorothy was a wonderful and caring aunt to Shirley and Tony Cornacchia, Bob and Donna Evans, Dave and Liz Evans, Tom and Marilyn Evans, Ina and Andy Greenwood, Phyllis and Russ Hyde and Paul Evans. She was warm and loving to her 17 great nieces and nephews and five great great nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden, Ontario on Saturday, January 20th, 2001 at 11 a.m. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Easter Seals Society or to the Arthritis Society of Canada. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., Minden (1-888-588-5777).

LIVSEY,
Alfred Hilker

Passed away peacefully at the Leisureworld Nursing Home, Gravenhurst on Sunday, January 7th, 2001. At the age of 96. Beloved husband of the late Grace Ada Livsey. Dear father of Alfred George Livsey and June Bernice Baker. Cremation has taken place. Interment of Cremated Remains will take place at Minden Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden (1-705-286-2181).

AT REST

GANZEVOORT
Michael (Red)

After a courageous fight with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), Michael (Red) Ganzevoort, 65 years of age, was taken to be with his Lord. A dear husband to Betty, father of Shelley and Gary Claus, Sandra Ganzevoort Pelzer and her husband Richard Pelzer, Michele and Evert Veenendaal, grandfather to Trevor, Brittany, Michael, Jacqueline and Joel. Red was a valuable member of the community serving as a member of the St. Catharines Flying Club, owner of Red's Garage Ltd., and an influential part in the revision of the Mechanics Apprenticeship Board. Red was an adventurous spirit whose creed became "The more you challenge life, the more challenging it becomes." Cremation has taken place. Family received friends at the George Darte North Chapel, 585 Carlton Street, for visitation on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life was held at Covenant Christian Reformed Church, 278 Parnell Road on Friday at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to ALS would be appreciated by his family.

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